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S3 Trip to London



At 7am on Saturday 9th July a group of 15 learners from years 8 -10 met at Manchester Piccadilly train station. Their destinationLondon!

The group of learners along with Mrs Freedman and Miss Ayris spent

the day in two of London's most popular museums.

We started in the Natural History Museum, which in itself is an amazing building. First stop was the 'Age of the Dinosaur' exhibition which gave us lots of information about dinosaurs and Jurassic times. It also featured some animatronic dinosaurs; the ground even vibrated to mimic the feeling of the dinosaurs approaching.

Next stop at the Museum was the Butterfly House. We stepped into a very humid environment and were surrounded by hundreds of butterflies, some even landed on us. They were beautiful and quite happy to have their home invaded by us giants!

After lunch we made our way to the fabulous Science Museum. The museum had 5 floors of galleries - our favourite was Launchpad which was filled with interactive experiments and displays.

Before we left we were able to watch 'Hubble 3D'

on the giant IMAX screen, which was truly awesome. We watched as space shuttle Atlantis and a crew of seven flew up to repair the Hubble Space Telescope. The images were so clear; it was as if we were in space with them.

All the learners behaved exceptionally well and particularly as we had to travel on the London Underground, which can be hectic at the best of times!

We returned back to Manchester at 9pm after what had been a very busy day. One learner was overheard saying that the trip was definitely worth getting up at 5:30 for. I couldn't agree more!

School holiday activities at Bury Leisure Sports Centres



The school holidays are the perfect time for children to learn to swim, learn to dive, take up a new sport or simply take part in fun and active activities. Bury Leisure centres can promise you plenty to keep your kids busy and work off their energy! With activities including intensive crash course swimming, diving lessons, multi-sports camps, roller skating, play schemes, family studio classes, junior gym and more, there is something for everyone. For further information about the activities that are available, days, times and prices, visit www.bury.gov.uk/buryleisure-events or telephone Kate Brooks, Marketing Officer at Castle Leisure Centre on 0161 253 6117.

Castle Leisure Centre are also holding an Open Day on Friday 22nd July as part of the Olympic Open Weekend Celebrations—365



countdown to the start of the 2012 Olympics. A wide range of fun activities for families will be running throughout the day in the pool, sports hall and library.

Mobile Phones and Electronic Equipment



Castlebrook, unlike some schools, does not completely ban mobile phones or MP3/4 players. However, some learners are pushing the boundaries and in doing so are putting themselves at risk by walking and texting without any knowledge of what is going on around them, or disrupting learning. The school is in the process of gaining staff and parent/carers' views regarding the appropriate use of mobiles. Student Voice has already been consulted.

These may be used in designated areas and at specified times but must be removed, switched off and put away on corridors and classrooms. Learners will be given an individual warning in class to switch off any electronic equipment or mobile phone—failure to comply will result in the items being confiscated. Learners found using a phone/MP3/4 player or ear piece on corridors will have it confiscated without warning.

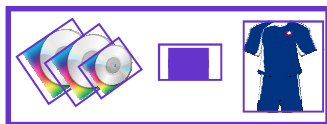
If these rules are followed then we will continue to allow mobile phones and MP3/4 players to be brought into school. However, failure to comply may result in a complete ban of these items.

Holidays in Term Time

We would like to remind all parents/carers that in accordance with Bury Local Authority's policy, holidays and extended leave during term time will not be authorised unless in very exceptional circumstances. We would ask that **no** holidays are arranged during term time.

PE Department

As detailed in previous Newsletters, the PE Department are collecting old and unwanted CDs



and DVDs to exchange for new football kits. To receive the new kits, the CDs and DVDs MUST have their original notes

and sleeves as well as a barcode on the reverse. For every 500 collected, a new kit will be issued. Please pass any CDs or DVDs to the PE Department. Thank you in anticipation!

Maths in Motion

Well done to the Year 8 and 9 learners who represented Castlebrook at Philips High School last week in the 'Maths in Motion' Challenge. Special mention goes to Callum Banfield and Luke Davidson who came 1st and David Kogarg and Matthew Lee who came 2nd from the 20 teams competing.

Summer Beach Party

Every term, a theme days is held in the school dining hall. Last week we held our 'Summer Beach Party' and served burgers, hot-dogs and ice cream! This proved to be a great success and we will be holding our next one in October.

Bury Athletics Championships

Well done to all learners who took part in the Bury Athletics Championships. Joe Kelly finished 1st in the 400m, Ayo Yamah 1st in the 100m, Hannah White 1st in the Long Lump and Austin Jones 1st in the High Jump.. Very well done to these learners — pictured below.



We also enjoyed success with learners finishing 2nd and 3rd in the following events:

Lauren Davies 2nd in Shot
Sven Gibson 2nd in 400m
Chloe Hocking 3rd in 800m
Alex Mee 3rd in 200m
Michael Burke 3rd in 100m
Hannah McKenzie 3rd in 1500m
Eleanor Boyle 3rd in 1500 m

The Year 7 Relay team, consisting of Neil Frazer, Alex Mee, Josh Clarke and Matt Bodkin finished 3rd, as did the Year 8/9 Relay team which consisted of Ryan Metcalfe, Jack Rigby, Michael Burke and Joe Kelly.

School bus services

Please note the following changes to bus services **from September 2011**:

Service 513 (morning & afternoon) will be renumbered service 713.

Service 93 (afternoon) will be renumbered Service 735.

GCSE Construction 'The Good Schools Guide' Award

We are pleased to announce that Castlebrook has won the 2011 Good Schools Guide Award for Construction for the third year running. It is a top UK award in recognition of learners taking Construction (VQ) at vocational GCSE double award standard.



Prefects

Following a rigorous application and selection process 45 year 11 learners were successful in their quest to become Prefects. From these 45 learners 20 were invited to interview for Senior Prefect roles. They faced some tough probing questions from Mr Roberts, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Bowker and all candidates conducted themselves in an extremely professional manner giving some very strong answers. All were worthy but we had just 8 positions to appoint.

Ricardo Nacarlo - Head Boy

Martina Gregoriou - Head Girl

Andrew Roberts – Deputy Head Boy

Abigail Renwick – Deputy Head Girl

Gemma Scott – Senior Prefect - FOSTER

Georgia Keyes – Senior Prefect - FURBER

Austin Jones – Senior Prefect - HEMINGWAY

Thomas Harris – Senior Prefect - SIMPSON



Ricardo and Martina—Head Boy and Head Girl

Also appointed by the Physical Education Department were:

Jack Comrie – School Sports Captain for Boys

Hannah White – School Sports Captain for Girls.

Congratulations to all our new Prefects and many thanks to our previous Prefects for all your support and hard work throughout the year.

Student Voice

Next year Student Voice will enter a new phase. Keen to revamp and revitalise the Student Voice, meetings are now calendared 1 Form, 2 House and 1 Executive Council meeting per half term. Mr Roberts will be chairing the Executive Council meetings and is looking forward to working closely with the students to move the school forward. Senior Prefects will also hold regular meetings with Mr Roberts and Mrs Armstrong in order to ensure our learners are heard.

Biology Field Trip to Ainsdale

On Friday 8th July, 32 Year 11 learners accompanied by Mr Tully, Mrs Griffin, Mr Hewitt and Ms Morris (student teacher) went on the annual visit

to the Ainsdale sand dune ecosystem and Formby Nature Reserve.



The Field Trip has run for over 30 years and provides learners with the opportunity to experience aspects of Ecology, Evolution and Conservation at first hand.

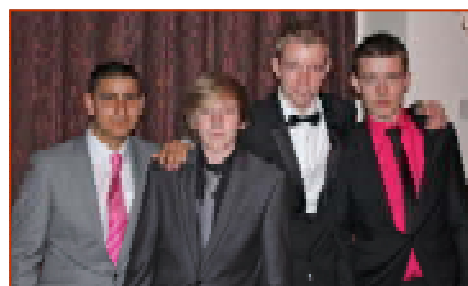
It is hoped that learners continue to appreciate the delicate nature of ecosystems and the role that we can play in maintaining biodiversity on planet Earth.

School Crossing Patrol Service

Bury Council urgently require standby and permanent School Crossing Patrols staff throughout the borough—good rates of pay and uniform provided. If you are interested, please contact 0161 253 5781/5806 for further information.

Year 11 Prom

Once again the weather was very kind for our annual Prom as past Year 11 learners said a final farewell to Castlebrook. A great evening was had by all at the Dunkenhalgh Hotel in Accrington at the end of June.



Learners, as usual, arrived in a variety of styles and enjoyed the red carpet treatment.

Many thanks to all those who once again started the evening off with such support - Mums, Dads, Grandmas, Granddads, Brothers, Sisters and all!

Many thanks to all past Year 11 learners for their valuable contribution to Castlebrook over the last five years and we wish them every success in their future careers.

The photos will shortly be on our website so take a look— www.castlebrookhighschool.co.uk

History Department



KS4 learners have made an exciting start to their GCSE Modern World History course. As part of their International Relations Unit, all

learners discussed in groups a Peace Settlement for the end of World War 1. Acting as the President and Prime Ministers of USA, France and Britain, one debate over the treatment of Germany became quite heated at times. Deals were done and compromises were made over money, military power and territory. The whole class performed exceptionally well and with great enthusiasm.

KS3 learners were challenged to survive in the Industrial Revolution as part of an active simulation designed by the History Department. Some learners enjoyed 'a day trip to Margate' whilst others ended up in the Workhouse or transported to Australia. It was a great fun way to learn about deadly diseases, accidents and living conditions. All of Year 8 were competitive and enjoyed trying to keep their family alive and stay out of debt.



The History Department also welcomes back former learner Tom Connolly who is working very hard on his placement with a variety of learners across the department.

New Intake Day & Evening

We have once again had a great turnout of Year 6 learners starting in September. Many thanks to all those learners and their parents/carers for attending. We look forward to welcoming them to Castlebrook in



September. Year 7 learner, Amelia Holiday gave a speech and parents enjoyed "the dynamic approach" to settling learners in. Learners had the opportunity to get a flavour of some of the subjects they will do when they start in September. Year 6 learners left feeling confident for the summer.

Bury Football Development Forum Summer Football Camps

If you enjoy football, then why not go along to the summer football camps for boys and girls aged 8-14. The camps will be delivered by FA qualified coaches and will take place on 26th, 27th and 28th

July (for 5 weeks) from 10.00am —12.00pm at Old Hall Primary School, Springside View, Bury BL8 4LU. The cost is £4 per day or £10 for 3 days. Booking is essential—please contact Bury Sport & Physical Activity Service on 0161 253 5893.

Staff Leavers

We are sorry to be bidding farewell to Mrs Roache (teacher of Drama and Director of Hemingway House) who will be retiring this summer. I am sure you will join us in wishing her a long and happy retirement after many years of dedicated service to Castlebrook learners.

We will also be saying farewell to Mrs Whittaker who has been a Science Technician for many years. We wish her all the best for the future.

Our wishes also go to Mr Shah as he leaves Castlebrook this summer to take up a new post.

Cricket success!

The U15 cricket team have become the first team at Castlebrook in over 20 years to win the Senior Bury knock-out tournament.

They beat Woodhey High School in the semi-final and Elton in the final. Well



done to all who participated.

Dates for your diary

Day	Date	Time	Event
Mon	5/9	8.45 9.45	School opens Y7 School opens Y8-11
Thu	8/9	All day	International Literacy Day
Mon	12/9	9.00	Year 7 & Year 9 photos
Tue	13/9	9.00	Year 11 photos
Tue	13/9		Travel & Tourism Fieldwork—Years 9,10 & 11
Mon	19/9	5.30- 8.00	Open Evening
Tue- Thu	20/9- 22/9	9.15- 10.45	Open Mornings
Thu	22/9	6.00- 8.00	KS4 Exam Support— Preparing for College Eve
Thu	22/9		Geography Fieldwork— Years 9, 10 & 11
Fri	23/9	All day	Year 11 Careers & College Application Pathways Day
Mon	26/9	All day	European Languages Day